

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : M. HAUL Confirmation No. 3243  
Appl. No. : 10/658,200 Group Art Unit: 1723  
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For : DEVICE AND PROCESS FOR CONVEYING ROD-SHAPED FILTER ELEMENTS

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.112**

Commissioner for Patents  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
Customer Window, Mail Stop Amendment  
Randolph Building  
401 Dulany Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314  
Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action of September 20, 2006, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections made therein are respectfully requested, in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Inasmuch as the three-month shortened statutory period set in the office action expires on December 20, 2006, Applicant submits that no extensions of time are required at this time. If for any reason the Request for Extension of Time is not associated with the file, or the fee submitted herewith is deemed insufficient for any reason, authorization is hereby given to charge any fees necessary to preserve the pendency of this application to deposit account No. 19-0089.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2; and

Remarks begin on page 9.